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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS : PATNAIK et al.

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FOR : EPTFE CALIBER VASCULAR GRAFTS WITH SIGNIFICANT
PATENCY ENHANCEMENT VIA A SURFACE COATING
WHICH CONTAINS COVALENTLY BONDED HEPARIN

GROUP ART UNIT : 3738

EXAMINER : Prebilic, P.

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COMMUNICATION WITH THE OFFICE

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This is in response to the Communication mailed November 8, 2002 (Paper No. 8) having a response time which is the longer of one month or thirty days from the date of the Communication. It is believed that no extension of time is due by Applicants. However, should an extension of time be deemed necessary to maintain the application pending, please charge the appropriate extension of time fees against Deposit Account No. 11-0600 to Kenyon & Kenyon.

Prior to the examination of the application, please amend the specification as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 10, 11 and 12 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter claimed therein.